LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Friday,December 5,2003/Agrahayana 14,1925(Saka)

The Lok Sabha Met at Eleven of the Clock

(MR.SPEAKER in the Chair)

OBITUARY REFERENCES

Title: References made to the passing away of Smt. Marjorie Godfrey (Nominated member of 5th Lok Sabha on 27 October, 2003 and Dr. Krupasindhu Bhoi (Member of 7th, 8th, 10th and 11th Lok Sabha) on 15 November, 2003 respectively.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our former colleagues, namely, Shrimati Marjorie Godfrey and Dr. Krupasindhu Bhoi.

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO (DHENKANAL): Sir, A.N. Singh Deo, Member of the Ninth Lok Sabha had also passed away. I had written to you also. He passed away on the 1st of December, 2003.

MR. SPEAKER: We will take it up tomorrow.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Shrimati Marjorie Godfrey was a nominated Member of the Fifth Lok Sabha from 1971 to 1977, representing the Anglo-Indian community.

Earlier, Shrimati Godfrey had served as a nominated Member of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly for four years.

A teacher by profession, Shrimati Godfrey was a dedicated educationist. She served as the State Representative on Inter-State Board for Anglo-Indian Education. She served as the Superintendent-in-charge of Examinations and Selections for 17 years; and as the Assistant Commissioner, Girls Guides.

Shrimati Godfrey was an active social worker. She was the Vice President of the Governing Body of the All India Anglo-Indian Association. She was also a member of the Central Social Welfare Advisory Board, T.B. Board, Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committee, Guntakal Division; and Ladies of Charity. Driven by her desire to serve humanity, particularly the poor and downtrodden, she helped in securing jobs to the unemployed and in getting admissions for the needy in schools and hospitals.

A sports enthusiast, Shrimati Godfrey was associated with the Gidney Club and Catholic Club, Hyderabad.

Shrimati Marjorie Godfrey passed away on 27 October 2003 at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, at the age of 84.

Dr. Krupasindhu Bhoi was a Member of the Seventh, Eighth, Tenth and Eleventh Lok Sabhas from 1980 to 1989 and from 1991 to 1997, representing the Sambalpur Parliamentary Constituency of Orissa.

Dr. Bhoi was the Union Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Department of Education, from 1995 to 1996.

Earlier, Dr. Bhoi was a Member of the Orissa Legislative Assembly from 1971 to 1973 and from 1974 to 1977. He also served as the Minister of State of Community Development and Panchayati Raj from 1972 to 1973; and Cabinet Minister of Transport, Commerce and Mining and Geology, from 1974 to 1977 in the State Government.

Dr. Bhoi was a dedicated parliamentarian. He was the Chairman of the Estimates Committee from 1994 to 1995 besides being a Member of several other Parliamentary Committees and also of the Consultative Committees of the Ministries of Steel and Coal.

Dr. Bhoi was a man of letters. He published several books, booklets, political journals and a daily newspaper, *Dainik Ganabara.* He also composed poems and wrote articles on social and political affairs.

Dr. Bhoi was a well known political and social worker. He was associated with welfare work during several epidemics and natural calamities. A medical practitioner himself, Dr. Bhoi was associated with various medical institutions and he held important positions therein. He was a member of the Governing Body and Selection Committee of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, from 1984 to 1989.

Dr. Krupasindhu Bhoi passed away on 15 November, 2003 at Delhi, after a brief illness at the age of 61.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed souls.

11.04 hrs

(The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)